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Town Officers

Moderator,

JOHN W. WARNER.

Town Clerk,

ROY R. ROLLINS.

Selectmen,

OTIS S. BROWN, IRVING W. BROWN,
ARTHUR E. SEAVEY.

Representative,

LEVI W. FOGG.

Highway Agents,

CHESTER E. SEAVEY, ARTHUR A. BROWN,
CHARLES F. SMITH.

Supervisors of Check List,

ALBERT BACHELDER, JOHN L. SMITH,
GEORGE D. BROWN.

Police and Constable,

GEORGE E. PERKINS.

Board of Health,

EBEN L. DALTON, ALBERT BACHELDER,
HERBERT A. WHITE.

Auditors,

JOSEPH O. HOBBS, FRED L. DOW.

School Board,

ALBERT E. LOCKE, WILLARD H. PHILBROOK,
WILFRED J. CHEVALIER.

Library Trustees,

FRED L. DOW, EBEN L. DALTON,
GEORGE A. BOYNTON.

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of North Hampton, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said North Hampton, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Roads.

4. (By request) "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to arrange for a water supply for fire and municipal purposes and what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote for the same."

5. (By request). "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to arrange and adjust with the Boston & Maine Railroad in relation to repair and care of approaches to crossings."

Given under our hands and seal this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eight.

OTIS S. BROWN,
IRVING W. BROWN,
ARTHUR E. SEAVEY,
} Selectmen of North Hampton.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

OTIS S. BROWN,
IRVING W. BROWN,
ARTHUR E. SEAVEY,
} Selectmen of North Hampton.

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY.

Polls, 223	$22,300	
Land and buildings	634,198	
Horses, 268	17,140	
Oxen, 6	310	
Cows, 587	15,746	
Neats, 92	1,818	
Sheep, 56	224	
Hogs, 180	1,595	
Vehicles, 114	4,590	
Stock in public funds	300	
Stock in corporations in this state	17,100	
Stock in trade	5,300	
Light and power	3,500	
Lumber and wood	11,190	
Mills and machinery	3,000	
		$738,311

Resident valuation	$541,057.00
Resident tax	8,115.85
Non-resident valuation	197,254.00
Non-resident tax	2,958.81

State, County, Town, School and Highway taxes, $1.50 on $100.

Amount committed to Collector	$11,074.66
Uncollected Feb. 15, 1908	176.50

Village District Tax, .20 on $100.

Amount committed to Collector	$501.27

STATE AND COUNTY.

Paid state tax	$1,535.00	
County tax	2,229.50	
		$3,764.50

DISCOUNT.

Paid Collector, discount on taxes	442.75

TOWN POOR.

Paid N. H. State Hospital, board and clothing for Alfred H. Brown	$56.36

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Alfred Stavers, land not owned	$ 2.80	
Benj. Brown, poll tax, two years	2.90	
Everett Chick, poll tax	1.50	
Horace E. Fife, poll tax	1.50	
Joseph Leavitt, poll tax, two years	2.90	
George Moore, poll tax	1.50	
Newell Jenness, poll tax	1.50	
Lucy Carswell, soldier's widow	8.19	
Arthur Blake, soldier	45	
Thomas E. Marston, error in tax	15.00	
Robert Fraser, land not owned, two years	5.88	
David J. Marston, error in tax	18.24	
Horace W. Carter, poll tax	1.50	
		$63.86

SCHOOLS.

Paid School appropriation, by law	$2,220.00	
Literary fund	62.22	
Dog licenses	110.42	
Proportion of school fund	200.00	
Tuition for pupils at Exeter	67.00	
Tuition for pupils at Hampton	442.00	
		$3,101.64

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	George L. Garland, breaking roads 1907	$ 29.85
	Robert L. Mitchell railing bridge	11.95
	Warren B. Moulton, lumber for bridge	9.96
	Eben L. Dalton, breaking roads, 1907	87.47
	Chester E. Seavey, see report	436.95
	Arthur A. Brown, see report	356.41
	Charles F. Smith, see report	470.10
	Irving W. Brown, labor on road and sidewalk	160.21
		$1,562.90

STATE ROAD.

Paid	Percy Perkins, labor	$ 11.25
	Frank A. Marston, labor	8.40
	David J. Lamprey, labor	129.45
	George E. Taylor, labor	66.80
	Fred L. Shaw, labor	14.85
	Frank H. Leavitt, labor	47.40
	George A. Tourtillott, labor	83.60
	J. Allan Fenwick, labor	34.00
	Fred C. Leavitt, labor	51.50
	Eben L. Dalton, labor	128.35
	Justin E. Drake, labor	39.15
	W. H. Philbrook, labor	4.50
	James F. Hobbs, labor	18.75
	Frank E. Moore, labor	42.00
	Amos S. Atkinson, labor	12.00
	Fred J. Moore, labor	18.90
	Elmer Smith, labor	45.00
	George E. Moulton, labor	4.00
	George L. Garland, labor	62.40
	Robert L. Mitchell, labor	47.40
	Simon H. Leavitt, labor	64.50
	Charles F. Smith, labor	96.40
	Russell Marston, labor	8.00
	Chester E. Seavey, labor	57.90
	Irving W. Brown, labor	56.21
	Fred A. Drew, labor	3.50
	Clarence L. Fogg, labor	16.63

John W. Mace, labor	13.75
E. P. Blake, labor	4.66
Benj. F. Simpson, labor	33.00
Harry Carter, labor	3.25
Hiram Farrell, labor	41.33
Horace Moulton, labor	17.50
Andrew S. Marston, labor	14.40
Arthur A. Brown, labor	90.50
Walter E. Taylor, labor	74.30
Eli G. Bunker, labor	54.40
James A Bunker, labor	36.47
Percy W. Locke, labor	12.25
Walter E. Locke, labor	14.00
Otis S. Brown, labor	42.00
Morris H. Moulton, gravel	100.00
Albert Bachelder, team and sprinkler	10.00
	$1,734.65

2271 1-2 yards of gravel put on road.

LIBRARY.

Paid Annetta E. Marston, land	$1,000.00
J. Lawrence Berry, architect	100.00
Irving W. Brown, contract	1,350.00
Warren B. Moulton, contract	2,050.00
Warren B. Moulton, hardware, furniture and extra work	208.47
Fred C. Leavitt, grading	21.00
Fred L. Shaw, grading	26.25
Amos Atkinson, grading	2.00
William Jones, grading	1.75
Robert L. Mitchell, grading	2.00
James F. Leavitt, grading	4.00
Henry E. Clark, grading	4.00
Elmer Smith, grading	4.00
Frank E. Moore	1.75
C. C. Dalton, grading	2.00
W. E. Tuttle, wiring	25.00
S. A. Dow, lamps, shovels, etc	7.45
Ordway Heating Co., furnace	125.00
Granite State Fire Ins. Co	54.00
	$4,988.67

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John Templeton, printing town reports	$29.00
John W. Berry, guide board	1.25
J. G. Mace, Memorial day	25.00
J W. Barrett, fence at East cemetery	72.50
John W. A. Green, recording deed	.72
Eli G. Bunker, painting fence at East cemetery	2.25
George Asselin, watching fire	6.00
J. Allan Fenwick, watchman	2.00
George F. Marston, guide board	1.25
William A Grover, running town line	5.00
David J. Marston, watering trough, two years	6.00
Rockingham Light and Power Co, street lighting, season of 1907	65.00
W. F. Simpson, watching fire	2.00
S. A. Dow, bell rope	.76
S. A. Dow, stamps	1.50
Arthur E. Seavey, blacksmith work	5.60
Dr. H. A. White, record of births and deaths	4.00
O. B. Fogg, watering trough, two years	6.00
Fred L. Shaw, watchman at church	2.00
George L. Seavey, postage and printing	8.90
Otis S. Brown, expenses to Concord	3.00
Edward M. Smith, surveying	4.25
S. A. Dow, powder and fuse	.31
S. A. Dow, paint	1.70
S. A. Dow, hayseed	.68
Otis S. Brown, express and stationery	3.10
Newburyport Herald Co., printing catalogues	35.40
Newburyport Herald Co., printing notices on brown tail moths	1.75
Newburyport Herald Co., printing two order and receipt books	4.40
Marion Lane, cataloguing books	6.00

Mae R. Moulton, cataloguing books	7.00	
Collector's book	2.25	
		$316.57

CEMETERIES.

Paid Orrin B. Leavitt, care of Centre cemetery	70.00	
George A. Page, care of South cemetery	5.00	
		$75.00

OFFICIAL SERVICES.

Paid Levi W. Fogg, librarian	$55.00	
Roy R. Rollins, town clerk and treasurer	40.00	
Orrin B. Leavitt, hearse warden	16.00	
George E. Perkins, constable	21.50	
Dr. H. A. White, board of health	19.10	
Eben L. Dalton, board of health	6.00	
Albert Bachelder, board of health	6.00	
Albert Bachelder, supervisor	12.00	
George L. Seavey, collector of taxes	60.00	
Arthur E. Seavey, selectman	30.00	
Irving W. Brown, selectman	32.00	
Otis S. Brown, selectman	50.00	
		$347.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

State and County	$3,764.50
Discount	442.75
Town poor	56.36
Abatements	63.86
Schools	3,101.64
Roads and bridges	1,562.90
State road	1,734.65
Library	4,988.67
Miscellaneous	316.57

Cemeteries	75.00	
Official services	347.60	
		$16,454.50
Cost of removing brown tail moth nests		$180.40

RECEIPTS.

On hand from last year	$1,208.02	
Received from uncollected taxes, 1907	89.39	
Note	2,000.00	
Insurance tax	55.50	
Railroad tax	132.48	
Savings Bank tax	1,019.98	
Literary fund	62.22	
Proportion of school fund	200.00	
Cemetery lots	45.00	
State aid for roads	469.81	
Town of Rye	5.75	
George E. Perkins, for cemetery fence	25.00	
Interest on cemetery fund.	65.53	
Dog licenses	110.42	
Interest on deposit	68.44	
Collector of taxes	10,898.07	
		$16,455.61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand	$ 1.11	
Uncollected taxes	176.59	
		$177.70
Due on town notes		$2,000.00
Balance against town		$1,822.30
Total joint fund of town and state for state road	$1,754.72	
Expended on state road	1,734.65	
Balance due by town and state		$20.07
Balance due by town		9.24

Balance due by state 10 83

Cemetery trust fund $2,000.00

One thousand dollars in Portsmouth Savings Bank, and one thousand dollars in Strafford Savings Bank at Dover, N. H.

OTIS S. BROWN,
IRVING W. BROWN,
ARTHUR E. SEAVEY,
} Selectmen of North Hampton.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the books and the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Cemetery Trust Fund, find them correct with proper vouchers.

JOSEPH O. HOBBS,
FRED L. DOW,
} Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Cash on hand	$1,208.02
Amount received from George L. Seavey, Collector of Taxes	10,987.46
Amount received from town notes	2,000.00
Amount received from dog licenses	110.42
Amount received from cemetery lots	45.00
Amount received from interest on cemetery fund	65.53
Amount received from interest on deposits	68.44
Amount received from State for roads	469.81
Amount received from Town of Rye	5.75
Amount received from G. E. Perkins for cemetery fund	25.00
Amount received from State insurance tax	55.50
Amount received from State railroad tax	132.48
Amount received from State savings bank tax	1,019.98
Amount received from State literary fund	62.22
Amount received from State proportion of school fund	200.00
	$16,455.61

Cr.

Amount paid State tax	$1,535.00
Amount paid County tax	2,229.50
Amount paid Selectmen's orders	12,690.00
Cash on hand	1.11
	$16,455.61

ROY R. ROLLINS, Town Treasurer.

North Hampton, N. H., February 22, 1908.

Report of the Library Building Committee

At the Town Meeting of March, 1907, it was voted that a library building be erected at a cost not exceeding $5,000, and a building committee was chosen to carry out the vote.

The first duty of the committee was to procure land as near the depot as possible so as to accommodate all the people of the town. After several sites had been considered, a piece of land was purchased, which was deemed most suitable for the purpose required.

The next proposition was to get a plan that would come within the appropriation. After considering several plans and buildings, we selected a plan drawn by Mr. J. Lawrence Berry of Boston, a library building on a similar plan having been erected by him in North Woburn, Mass.

The bids for the erection of the building according to Mr. Berry's plans and specifications varied from $3 400 to $6,000. The contract was awarded to Mr. Warren B. Moulton for the woodwork and Mr. Irving W. Brown for the stone work, being the lowest bidders. Your committee was pleased that both of the contractors should be citizens of the town. They have done their work in a very thorough and satisfactory manner.

We think that we have erected a building which is very commodious and an ornament to the town, and of which all may feel proud, for the sum of money we had to expend. We hope that the building will be lighted by electricity in the near future, as it is all wired for that purpose.

The land has been purchased, the building erected, a heating plant put in, the library furnished, and insured for three years, the total expense being covered by the appropriation.

Our thanks are extended to all who have so generously assisted us in furnishing the building and grading the grounds. We hope all our citizens and summer residents will visit and inspect the library and give it a generous support.

OTIS S. BROWN,
JOSEPH O. HOBBS,
ARTHUR E. SEAVEY,
LEVI W. FOGG,
} Building Committee.

Report of the Library Trustees

The Trustees of North Hampton Library respectfully submit the following report and suggestions:

We take the report where the building committee leaves it.

The first work done was to clean the books. They were in bad shape. Many volumes are in a dilapidated condition. Those that are worth the cost are to be rebound. We decided to establish a modern system of cataloguing; our means being limited our first move was to learn the cost: we heard that Exeter had the best system around here.

We employed as good authority as we had in town to go to Exeter and get what information they could. The report was that it would take two persons two months to do the work. Then one of our board went to Boston to consult the library bureau; they would send a lady expert for one hundred dollars a month, and it would take her with a helper two months; that made it impossible, with our means, to adopt any such system. The best we could do was to classify, index and number, giving authors, etc. That we have done, with the help of the librarian and two young ladies, at the expense of $13, including cleaning, moving and supplies use in the work. We had printed five hundred copies of the catalogue of books at the expense of $35.40. The number of books catalogued were 1562, not including magazines. As there have been no new books bought by the town for the last two years, we would suggest that a sum of not less than $200 be raised and appropriated by the town for books.

We will submit the following suggestions:

In justice to those that made it possible that we could make the above report, we should be at least ungrateful in not placing before our taxpayers and the public what our building committee has done. We had no reason to expect them to work for nothing and find themselves, but they have done more than that; they have not only given their services and personal expenses, but have contributed liberally towards the furnishing of the building, which placed them in a position to ask others to also contribute; that is what they have done. When the time came to do the grading they asked for volunteers to do it, and as far as we know none refused that was asked.

We would further suggest: That the town should cause to be placed in the library building something to commemorate the faithful services of the building committee and the efficient work of the contractors.

We are not prepared at the present time to make suggestions as to how this should be accomplished, but will, at the coming election, recommend as to what may be done and at what cost.

FRED L. DOW,
E. L. DALTON,
GEO. A. BOYNTON, } Library Trustees.

Reports of Highway Agents

REPORT OF CHESTER E. SEAVEY.

Expenditures.

E. H. Dalton	$ 16.00	
Morris Locke	8.00	
R. L. Mitchell	34.60	
Russell Marston	18.75	
Geo. L. Garland	34.00	
Geo. E. Moulton	9.00	
Fred Neally	8.75	
Chas. C. Dalton	7.25	
James H. Riley	13.10	
Frank Moore	20.50	
Elmer Smith	11.25	
David C. Smith	3.00	
Irving Marston	5.25	
Geo. A. Tourtillott	12.00	
John Taylor	19.50	
Cyrus Fogg	1.00	
Clarence Fogg	5.25	
Orice Moulton	3.50	
Simon O. Lamprey	8.00	
Percy Norton	3.50	
J. H. Davis	5.75	
Morris Moulton, gravel	1.00	
Chester E. Seavey	84.75	
		$333.70

Labor on Bridges.

Geo. L. Garland	$ 3.00

R. L. Mitchell	3.00	
Chester E. Seavey	3.00	
		$9.00

Labor on Manhole.

Teaming brick	$ 1.50	
Teaming sand and tile	.75	
Geo. E. Moulton	2.70	
Chester Seavey	2.70	
		$7.65

Breaking Roads, 1907.

Geo. L. Garland	$ 2.45	
R. L. Mitchell	2.45	
Russell Marston	1.75	
Irving W. Marston	1.75	
E. L. Dalton	4.25	
Chester E. Seavey	2.45	
		$15.10

Cutting Brown Tail Moth Nests 1907.

Geo. E. Moulton	$ 6.00	
R. L. Mitchell	5.25	
Chester E Seavey	10.25	
		$21.50

Cutting Brown Tail Moth Nests, 1908.

R. L. Mitchell	$ 16.50	
Leon Berry	5.50	
Thomas Moore	4.00	
Chester E. Seavey	24.00	
		$50.00
		$436.95

Receipts.

May 20., cash	$200.00	
July 2, cash	140.00	
Feb. 15, cash	96.95	
		$436.95

REPORT OF ARTHUR A. BROWN.

Expenditures.

Eli G. Bunker	$ 28.00	
Edwin Page	22.75	
James Page	12.25	
James Bunker	1.75	
E. L. Dalton	26.75	
Payson Marston	14.50	
Austin Lamprey	5.75	
Geo. D. Cotton	14.75	
Horace Moulton	3.50	
Frank Sleeper	3.50	
Herman Jenness	11.37	
Goodwin Jenness	3.50	
O. J. Moulton	3.50	
Walter Locke	1.00	
Geo. D. Brown	12.50	
A. C. Brown	45.00	
Geo. O. Moulton	5.00	
Geo. White	3.00	
Fred Brown	8.00	
Roy Moulton	3.50	
Geo. W Tarlton	15.00	
Chester Fogg	9.00	
Arthur A. Brown	112.54	
		$356.41

Labor on Roads.

Mill road	$120.63	
Woodland road	90.50	
Maple road	70.76	
Locke's road	15.14	
Little road	3.50	
Atlantic avenue	8.38	
Cutting brown tail moth nests	47.50	
		$356.41

Receipts.

June 17, cash $150.00

Sept. 25, cash	150.00	
Feb. 15, cash	56.41	
		$356.41

REPORT OF CHARLES F. SMITH.

Expenditures.

James F. Hobbs	$ 30.60	
F. H. Leavitt	11.00	
S. H. Leavitt	18.50	
F. L. Shaw	14.50	
J. E. Drake	43.80	
L. W. Knowles	8.10	
Leon Berry	8.00	
Robert Whenal	8.00	
J. L. Smith	12.50	
F. J Moore	12.00	
Frank Leavitt	12.10	
D. C. Smith	3.00	
Walter Parsley	1.75	
J. Allen Fenwick	5.25	
L. W. Knowles	3.75	
H. Marston	5.15	
Self, team and man	83.00	
Christopher D. Moore	1.00	
		$282.00

Breaking Roads, 1907.

J. F. Hobbs	$ 2.00
F. C. Leavitt	34.00
J, E. Drake	6.15
L. W. Knowles	4.80
F. Hendry	1.50
J. L. Smith	1.25
D. W. Knowles	1.50
Walter Parsley	3.00
Frank C. Norton	5.00
Stanley Knowles	2.50
R. Whenal	1.50

Self, two men and teams	22.00	
James Barton	2.00	
F. O. Brown	4.00	
		$91.20

Cutting Brown Tail Moth Nests, 1907-1908.

J. E. Drake	$ 8.75	
Stanley Knowles	12.35	
Self, team and man	33.50	
J. E. Walker	4.80	
F. Simpson	2.00	
		$61.40
Cutting bushes and putting up rail	$ 2.00	

Repairs on State Road.

Self, team and man	$ 25.00	
Frank Hendry	8.50	
		$35.50
		$470.10

Receipts.

May 22, cash	$250.00	
June 19, cash	50.00	
Feb. 15, cash	170.10	
		$470.10

Report Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of North Hampton:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my first annual report.

Although I have been with you not quite six months, hardly time to learn your local conditions and needs, still I feel that much has been accomplished, even in this short time. No radical changes have been attempted. It is the little things that have been looked after, little things in fact but great in result. You must lay a good foundation if you expect your superstructure to stand. To build a house upon sand for a foundation is poor policy.

You desire to have good schools and have your eighth grade leave school fully as well equipped as are other eighth grades in, at least, similar schools and to have them as well if not better, qualified to enter Hampton Academy as are the Hampton pupils. In order to do this we must begin in the lower grades, yes, even in the primary grades, to improve our work. There must be good work done all along the line if we are in hopes to send out well prepared boys and girls.

Each year's work must be well done, each grade must have definite aims and results to accomplish and must obtain these results as nearly as possible.

The reading in the schools is not satisfactory. A great change for the better has been made in the primary grades, even in the short six months. I wish every citizen in town could visit the primary room at the Center and hear the little folks. It would do their hearts good. We are going to send better readers and scholars from the primary room

hereafter and consequently from the grammar schools. In my efforts to improve the work in the first four grades I have been most ably assisted by the teachers.

I am thoroughly convinced that scholars who cannot read well and understandingly cannot do good work in other subjects. It is impossible for them to get their history, geography and grammar lessons or much less do their arithmetic problems if they cannot read understandingly. Reading is the basis upon which all other studies rest; have poor readers and you have poor scholars and a poor school. Each primary grade ought to read, at least, two readers with more or less supplementary work. This is our policy and to be able to carry this out we must have next year, other sets of readers. Some supplementary reading has just been added. This should be increased next year until we have a good working supply of supplementary work suitable to the various grades.

The seventh and eighth grades ought not to use much else but standard literature for their class reading, such as "Courtship of Miles Standish," Longfellow's "Evangeline," Whittier's "Snowbound" and others. It is too bad to let even our grammar boys and girls leave school without a knowledge and possible liking for such literature. We want to give our children just as broad and general an education along with the practical as possible. There has been an improvement all along the line, but there is still chance for greater improvement and a higher standard of scholarship.

It is my purpose to strengthen our system of education by eliminating the conditions which are detrimental to progress.

Six months is hardly time to become acquainted with all the conditions nor time to remedy, in full, the faulty ones that already exist. A superintendent's work is not, nor can it be, of the nature of an earthquake or a cyclone, but it is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. It takes time to do anything worth doing. A house quickly built or thrown together soon goes to rack and ruin. Mushrooms spring up almost in a night and as quickly disappear.

I believe the citizens of North Hampton do not want weak, poor schools, but good strong ones. I believe they want the axe put into the roots of the condition giving poor

schools. This is being done. I say this from my experience, —born and reared in the country, attended rural schools in Maine until sixteen, taught in rural schools for two years, principal of primary and grammar grades for eight years, besides the study of a superintendent's work under some of the leading educators of the country.

I believe the citizens of this good old town intended when they voted to have a superintendent and authorized their schoolboard to employ one, to give him an opportunity to use his knowledge and experience to improve their schools.

Your superintendent believes the boys and girls in your schools are as bright and as intelligent as they are elsewhere and just as capable of doing the same work and covering the same ground as thoroughly as other schools. The eighth grade is expected to be prepared for examination for Hampton Academy. If they spend the whole year upon, say fractions or interest, where will they be in the rest of the subject matter? Other eighth grades do not spend a year upon these subjects, do you believe it necessary for the bright, intelligent boys and girls in your town? I don't. I want to give the children all we can and I know the fathers and mothers want their children to have every advantage possible.

In the eighth grade arithmetic, my purpose is to have the children go through the book during the fall and winter terms taking up the essentials, giving time to become thoroughly acquainted with them and giving the entire spring term to reviewing the principles in which they are a little weak and to correlating and unifying the entire subject matter.

When a superintendent has given his suggestions and directions to his teacher, if some one tells the teacher not to do this but to keep the class the rest of the year upon one little principle if necessary, not according to the judgment of the superintendent, what is the result? Now if this happens again and again in various things and in various ways, what can the superintendent do or accomplish? As fast as he drives in a peg upon which his school is to climb higher, some one pulls it out, he cannot accomplish what he might.

It is sometimes necessary for teachers to resort to corporal punishment, but it should be the last resort and never used until all other means have failed. The teacher who

constantly resorts to the strap, rattan, rule or other instrument for inflicting physical pain never should be a teacher of children. If she cannot, except in rare instances, obtain obedience without corporal punishment she is in the wrong business and should at once seek employment of a different nature.

A teacher should never, under any circumstances, give a pupil a blow upon the head with hand or any instrument. Many cases are on record where children have been made deaf by such a blow; then the risk of the eyes being injured by a misdirected blow, is too great.

I have watched the children in the schools and looked into their faces day after day and there is not a real bad boy or girl among the whole number. I believe there is need of very little corporal punishment in our schools; there ought not to be a dozen cases altogether in the three schools for the entire year.

There has been too much of this in our schools. No complaint has been made to me by parents or schoolboard. Even if all approve, I want to put myself on record as disapproving of the persistent use of the strap or rattan.

The powers of a superintendent are delegated and he has no more than the schoolboard sees fit to vote him. Now a schoolboard or members of the board can almost nullify a superintendent's efforts. A schoolboard should exercise their judgment in hiring a superintendent who knows his business and then let him work out his system.

Your town is among the few fortunate ones to have more school money than you spend. As I previously suggested, I am still convinced that you can put a part of this surplus to no better use than to employ an assistant teacher to divide her time with the three schools. She could be used to a great advantage. There are children in all the schools who are a little backward and are not up with the average of their classes. The only thing these children need is extra work and drill. The regular teacher does not have time for this. Now if the assistant should do no more than to spend her time with those needing the extra drill, it would be money well invested even if it had to be raised in addition to the regular amount. You do not need to do this; there is money lying idle in your treasury, money that belongs to the children and they ought to have the use of it. They ought not to be robbed. Since you must raise

this money, then get as big a return from it as possible by having it all invested in the developing of your childrens minds and making them good and useful citizens.

Arrangements have been made by me with the superintendent of schools of Portsmouth to admit pupils from this supervisory district to the High School upon my certificate. Now I think it would be well if the board should authorize the same thing to be done, if possible, in regard to your pupils entering Hampton Academy. It would be much better if Hampton could be brought into this supervisory district, for then having the same superintendent who is carrying out the same policies in both school districts, the children in both places, everything being equal, ought to be equally well fitted and could be promoted, probably, to the Academy on an equal footing and under the same conditions as the Hampton pupils.

I have made fifty-eight visits to your schools.

Thanking the citizens for the cordiality extended to me, I am,

Very respectfully,

A. W. SMALL,
Supt. of Schools.

Report of School Board

The number of pupils registered in each schools is:
Center Grammar 25; fifteen boys, ten girls.
Center Primary 23; eleven boys, 12 girls.
East School, 22; thirteen boys, nine girls.

Of those who attend school elsewhere and whose tuition is paid by the town, there are at Hampton High School the following:

Charles W. Barton,	Esther Drake,	Mabel Philbrook,
James Barton,	Raymond Hobbs,	Leonard Philbrick,
Chauncy Barton,	James Hobbs,	Shirley Moulton,
Bessie Brown,	Leon Hobbs,	Austin Norton,
Guy Hendry,	Ethel Johnson,	Content Ward,
Jessie Fogg,	Blanch Knowles,	Byron Smith.

The pupils at Robinson Female Seminary, Exeter: Sadie Ethel Moore, Nima Berry Locke, Fanny Marston.

The name of pupil who graduated from Grammar School in June, 1907:—Esther Drake.

LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

Readers:—Brooks', Heath's, Jones', Miles Standish Courtship, Irving's Sketch Book, Hawthorne's Tanglewood Tales, Longfellow's Evangeline, Whittier's Snowbound, Stories of Pioneer Life, Hiawatha Primer, Heart of Oak III. Speller:—Alton. Arithmetics:—Milnes', Bradbury's. Language:—Steps in English. Geographies:—Redway and Hinmon. Histories:—Montgomery Series. Physiologies:—Health for Little Folks, Our Bodies and How We Live,

How to Keep Well. Writing:—Practical Writing, by Spencer. Music:—Modern Music Readers, Harmony Music Books.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Center Grammar School.

Second Term.	Third Term.	First Term.
Isabel Leavitt,	Isabel Leavitt,	Hormon Norton,
Raelene A. Leavitt,	Raelene A. Leavitt.	Raelene A. Leavitt,
Leonard Smith,	Esther P. Drake,	Blanch Taylor,
	Harold G. Hobbs,	Harold Hobbs.

Center Primary School.

Third Term.	First Term.
Ernest T. Wiggins,	Bernice J. Wiggins,
	Helen F. Whenal,
	Ernest T. Wiggins,
	Earl H. Philbrick.

East School.

Second Term.	Third Term.	First Term.
Abbott Brown,	Oscar Brown,	Abbott Brown,
Melvin Locke,	Abbott Brown,	Josephine Brown,
Elizabeth Clark,	Josephine Brown,	Chester Jenness,
Lila Moulton.	Chester P. Jenness,	Carl J. Moulton,
	Melvin Locke,	Lila M. Moulton,
	Wilbur Drew,	Elizabeth M. Clark.
	Carl Moulton,	
	Rex Perkins,	
	Marvin Perkins,	
	Elizabeth Clark,	
	Lila Moulton.	

TEACHERS.

Center Grammar—Miss Virgie M. Knox.
Center Primary—Miss Octavia Cousens.
East School—Miss Mary A. McDermott.
Teacher of Music and Drawing—Mr. Carl L. Akeley.
Superintendent of Schools—Albert W. Small.

In closing our school report we can truly say that we

believe our schools are better organized for advancement than ever before. After much time and some expense we were able to form a supervisory district with the towns of Rye, Greenland, and Newington. We were also very fortunate in securing one of the best superintendents in the state, Mr. Albert W. Small, who came highly recommended. We are of the opinion that great advancement will be made in all grades the coming year under his direction.

We cannot urge you too strongly to keep in the supervisory district as now formed.

The special instruction in music and drawing under the direction of Mr. Carl L. Akeley has been a success and should be continued.

We would recommend that parents visit the schools as often as possible that they may know the true conditions.

Any suggestions they may make for improvement will be considered. Let us all work together with one object in view; to improve our schools.

ALBERT E. LOCKE, }
WILFRED J. CHEVALIER, } School Board of North Hampton, N. H.

February 22, 1908.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance received from last year	$433.20	
Received from town treasurer	2,220.00	
Received from State for superintendent...	200.00	
Received from literary fund	62.22	
Received from dog tax	110.42	
		$3,025.84

Disbursements.

Paid for school supplies and books	165.76
A. W. Small, superintendent	200.00
Nettie E Campbell	204.00
Anna Northcott	204.00
Octavia Cousens	378.00
Virgie M. Knox	213.00
Mary A. McDermott	209.00
Carl L. Akeley	180.10
Transportation	119.50

Janitors	45.00	
E. L. Dalton, coal and wood	118.12	
Morris Locke, coal	12.25	
Town of Rye, Garland tax	19.00	
Repairs, mason work	11.05	
Vermont School & Seat Co., Book case	9.50	
Walter Goss, painting Center school	31.25	
Eli Bunker, painting East school	28.75	
Roy R. Rollins, paint and varnish	10.90	
S. A. Dow, supplies and sundries	9.38	
Repairs and miscellaneous	46.61	
W. H. Philbrook, labor and expenses	23.88	
W. J. Chevalier, labor and expenses	11.95	
Albert E. Locke, labor supplies and expenses	31.59	
Official	55.00	
Auditors	4.00	
		$2,341.59
Balance on hand		$684.25

ALBERT E. LOCKE, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers, and find a balance on hand of $684.25.

JOHN W. WARNER,
JOHN L. SMITH, } Auditors.

North Hampton, N. H., Feb. 20, 1908.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of North Hampton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31. 1907.

DATE OF BIRTH. 1907.		PLACE OF BIRTH.	SEX.	NO. OF CHILD.	COLOR.	NAME OF FATHER.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.
Jan.	16	North Hampton, N .H.	M.	3	W.	John W. Whenal	Carrie A. Marston
Feb.	5	" " "	F.	1	"	J. Burt Moulton	Sarah L. Wiggin
April	22	" " "	M.	3	"	Arthur A. Brown	Annie Edwards
May	1	" " "	F.	2	"	Abram C. Dow	Addie F. Tuttle
May	8	" " "	F.	1	"	Herbert S. Tourtillott	Sarah L. Fife
June	2	" " "	M.	1	"	Joseph O. Hobbs	Annie W. Hoyt
June	22	" " "	F.	2	"	Martin F. Mevis	Mary K. Adams
Aug.	8	" " "	M.	1	"	Vittorio Orlandini	Mary F. Johnson
Aug.	13	" " "	F.	2	"	Louis L. Borden	Jeanne McConnelong
Aug.	18	" " "	F.	1	"	Harry E .Carter	Nellie L. Marston
Aug.	19	" " "	M.	1	"	George L. Seavey	Mary A. Bartlett
Sept.	1	" " "	M.	2	"	Herbert A. White	Mildred T. Prescott
Sept.	6	" " "	F.	2	"	Wm. M. Gilpatrick	Alice Kershaw
Sept.	7	" " "	F.	8	"	Francis J. Luther	Mary Macternary
Oct.	8	" " "	F.	2	"	Carl R. Block	Lila A. Dearborn

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of North Hampton, N H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

DATE—1907.		PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
March	10	North Hampton, N. H.	Herbert S. Tourtillott Sadie S. Fife	North Hampton, N. H. North Hampton, N. H.	20 24
May	29	Sanbornton, N. H.	Willard H. Phillbrook Nora L. Sanborn	North Hampton, N. H. Tilton, N. H.	50 47
June	9	Hampton, N. H.	George A. Tourtillott, Jr Grace G. Godfrey	North Hampton, N. H. Hampton, N. H.	27 31
June	16	Berwick, Me.	Charles L .Bachelder Jessie F. Butler	North Hampton, N. H. Berwick, Me.	22 25
Sept.	18	Hampton, N. H.	Daniel G. Goodwin Ruth B. Cousens	Saco, Me. North Hampton, N. H.	23 22
Oct.	9	North Hampton. N. H.	J. Russell Dow Grace I. Wright	North Hampton, N. H. Greenland, N. H.	21 27
Oct.	16	North Hampton, N. H.	Asa A. Booker Emma S. Brown	North Hampton, N. H. North Hampton, N. H.	23 21

DEATHS Registered in the town of North Hampton, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1907

DATE—1907.		NAME.	AGE			NAME OF FATHER.	NAME OF MOTHER.
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS		
Feb.	12	Newell B. Tyler	2	11	19	Harrison W. Tyler	Florence M. Jenness
Feb.	15	George Dearborn	72	6	15	Jeremiah Dearborn	Hannah Dearborn
March	24	John S. Berry	1	6	5	Frank E. Berry	Susie G. Perkins
May	27	Jesse C. Smith	67	11	12	John Smith	
June	25	Georgianna Batchelder	70	10	23	Josiah Sanborn	Abby Philbrick
Aug.	20	Joseph S. Hobbs	80	4	23	Oliver Hobbs	Sarah Hobbs